



# Trail News

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### **--- Governor Continues to Work with Local Communities to Prepare for Potential Flooding ---**

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Matt Mead will continue to deploy the Wyoming National Guard and other resources to assist local efforts to prevent flooding. There are several areas of concern in Wyoming right now where a large snowpack and warm temperatures are causing water levels to rise. Governor Mead is activating two units of the Wyoming National Guard to join in flood prevention measures in Carbon County. The two teams activated consist of a total of 48 individuals and equipment. They will be in Carbon County supporting flood prevention efforts. Other teams will be called up as needed in other parts of Wyoming where there is significant flooding potential.

### **\*\*\* Barnyards & Backyards Magazine Offer Links For Pre & Post Flooding \*\*\***

Are you facing or recovering from high water? Visit these websites:

[www.ag.ndsu.edu/flood/home/preparing-a-home-that-will-be-flooded](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/flood/home/preparing-a-home-that-will-be-flooded)

[www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/preparation\\_recovery/before\\_a\\_flood.jsp](http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/preparation_recovery/before_a_flood.jsp)

[www.ces.purdue.edu/floodpub/](http://www.ces.purdue.edu/floodpub/)

[www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm)

To subscribe to *Barnyards & Backyards*, visit their website: [www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/emailsignup2.asp](http://www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/emailsignup2.asp)

### **\*\*\* USDA Announces Fall Summit on Bee Nutrition and Forage and Launches "Bee Watch" Website to Broadcast Bee Activity and Increase Public Awareness of the Role of Pollinators in Crop Production \*\*\***

WASHINGTON, May 15, 2014 - A yearly survey of beekeepers, released today, shows fewer colony losses occurred in the United States over the winter of 2013-2014 than in recent years, but beekeepers say losses remain higher than the level that they consider to be sustainable. According to survey results, total losses of managed honey bee colonies from all causes were 23.2 percent nationwide. That number is above the 18.9 percent level of loss that beekeepers say is acceptable for their economic sustainability, but is a marked improvement over the 30.5 percent loss reported for the winter of 2012-2013, and over the eight-year average loss of 29.6 percent. More than three-fourths of the world's flowering plants rely on pollinators, such as bees, to reproduce, meaning pollinators help produce one out of every three bites of food Americans eat. "Pollinators, such as bees, birds and other insects are essential partners for farmers and ranchers and help produce much of our food supply. Healthy pollinator populations are critical to the continued economic well-being of agricultural producers," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "While we're glad to see improvement this year, losses are still too high and there is still much more work to be done to stabilize bee populations." Additionally, today (May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014) the USDA launched the People's Garden Apiary bee cam at the USDA headquarters in Washington, D.C. as an additional effort to increase public awareness about the reduction of bee populations and to inform Americans about actions they can take to support the recovery of pollinator populations. The USDA "Bee Watch" website ([www.usda.gov/beewatch](http://www.usda.gov/beewatch)) will broadcast honey bee hive activity live over the Internet 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Created in 2010, the People's Garden Apiary is home to two beehives. The bees are Italian queens, the most common bee stock and the same used in many honey bee colonies throughout the United States.





**When:** Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm MDT with speaker Gordon Keller, PE, GE

**Cost:** \$79.00 per location/1<sup>st</sup> logon and \$39.00 per additional attendee

**Where:** Online at [ForesterUniversity.net](http://ForesterUniversity.net)

**Register Today!!!!**

Join returning speaker, Gordon Keller, to explore common shallow slope failures (typically found along roadways and sites) and how to effectively counter these with simple, sustainable, and low-cost stabilization and erosion control measures. Here is the link for more information and registration forms: [www.StormCon.com](http://www.StormCon.com).



Rural Development

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### !!! USDA Launches New Resources at ChooseMyPlate.gov to Help Cost-Conscious Consumers Make Healthier Food Choices !!!

WASHINGTON, May 27, 2014 – Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture unveiled [Healthy Eating on a Budget](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/budget/) ([www.choosemyplate.gov/budget/](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/budget/)) – the newest addition to [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov). Consumers continue to want more information about how to make better eating decisions with limited resources. To meet this need, the USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) developed the new resource to include easy-to-use and insightful information about planning meals, shopping smart in the grocery store, and preparing foods that save money and time in the kitchen. "Although healthy foods aren't always more expensive, many low-income people face time and resource challenges when it comes to putting healthy food on the table," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Promoting nutritious food choices can have a positive impact on improving the health and diet quality of Americans. USDA offers a broad spectrum of strategies to empower low-income families to purchase healthier foods." Consumers who visit the Healthy Eating on a Budget section of ChooseMyPlate.gov will learn ways to plan, purchase, and prepare healthy meals. The new web pages provide families with tips and strategies to help save money and plan a healthier diet. The new section includes the latest addition to the MyPlate 10 Tips Nutrition Education Series, [Save More at the Grocery Store](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/downloads/TenTips/DGTipsheet37SaveMoreAtTheGroceryStore.pdf) ([www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/downloads/TenTips/DGTipsheet37SaveMoreAtTheGroceryStore.pdf](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/downloads/TenTips/DGTipsheet37SaveMoreAtTheGroceryStore.pdf)) which emphasizes simple-to-use tips to help consumers make decisions as they walk down a supermarket aisle. Dozens of additional strategies are featured in the new section including using unit pricing, reading food labels to compare items, and checking sales on store brands. A new cookbook features 25 recipes from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) resource page, [SNAP-Ed Nutrition Connection](http://snap.nal.usda.gov/) (<http://snap.nal.usda.gov/>). The recipes are included in sample two-week menus based on a 2,000 calorie diet to help individuals and families plan meals. Additional grocery and pantry lists are provided to help households organize their food purchases.

### -----Reminders and Updates-----

**June 4 ~ 12:00 noon MDT, Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** - Webinar about Sustainable Shallow Slope Stabilization & Erosion Control. Speaker is Gordon Keller, PE, GE.

**June 11 ~ 7:00 p.m.** MCD Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting at the MCD office, 910 Park Avenue, Meeteetse. The public is welcome.

Through its *Trail News*, the MCD hopes to keep the community informed, and all of us here, as your local government, encourage you to give us feedback, fresh ideas and comments so that the District can represent the Meeteetse community in the best way possible. For a copy of the Trail News by email, please call us at 307-868-2484 or send an email request to: [mcd@tctwest.net](mailto:mcd@tctwest.net).

**Happy Trails to You!** *Bernie, Blaise, Ginny, Steffen, and Steve*